GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:516
ANSWERED ON:29.04.2015
CONSTRUCTION OF KITCHEN -CUM- STORE
Kodikunnil Shri Suresh

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether several States are lagging behind in the construction of mandatory kitchen-cum-store under the Mid Day Meal Scheme and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has urged all the States to construct centrally approved new, safe and hygiene friendly kitchen-cum-stores in all schools serving mid-day meals and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to give financial assistance to the States for the purpose and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(d) the time by which these kitchen-cum- stores are likely to be constructed; and

(e) whether the Government has also urged the States to put in place contingency plan to handle medical emergencies and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 516 for 29.04.2015 raised by SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH regarding Construction of Kitchen-cum-Store.

(a) to (e): As on 31.12.2014, out of 10.06 lakh sanctioned kitchen-cum-stores (KS), 7.21 lakh (72%) have been constructed, 1.41 lakh are in progress and construction work is yet to start in 1.44 lakh. The State wise status of construction of KS is given at Annexure-I. The Central Government has requested States/UTs from time to time to complete the kitchen-cum-stores on priority basis. Further, the Central Government, in March 2013, has circulated some model designs of kitchen-cum-store for the guidance of the State Governments.

The Central Government provided 100% funding for construction of kitchen-cum-stores at a flat rate of Rs.60,000/- per unit from 2006-07 to 2008-09. The norms were revised for 2009-10 by linking plinth area to enrolment and basing cost estimate on State Schedule of Rates. Since then, the funding pattern for such construction has also been changed to 75:25 for non-NER States and 90:10 for NER States. The States and UTs are responsible for timely completion of construction works. The progress of construction of kitchen-cum-stores is monitored by the Central Government through Quarterly Progress Reports, Regional Review meetings and the Programme Approval Board. The States / UTs have been impressed upon to complete pending kitchen-cum-store on priority basis in a time bound manner. The State wise details of Central Assistance released for construction of kitchen-cum-stores is given at Annexure-II.

The Central Government in July, 2013 has instructed States/UTs to put in place an Emergency Medical Plan to avoid any untoward incident in schools. The Government of Odisha has developed a comprehensive Emergency Medical Plan which has also been circulated to all States/UTs for necessary guidance.